**2E: Exploring the West**

Focus Question: What resulted from the quest for a Northwest Passage to the Orient?

Sources:

* Cranny, Michael. Crossroads: A Meeting of Nations pp. 264-279
* PowerPoint presentation based on Cranny by Mrs. Cousar

Review your notes from the PowerPoint presentation (the presentation itself is on the wiki), and any notes from pages 264-279 in your text, and answer the following questions.

1. How was the North West Company similar to the HBC? How was it different? We still know about HBC today—but what happened to NWC?
2. Describe the life of a “voyageur”. What were the days like? Define “pork-eater” and “winterer”.

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| Name and date(s) | Explored where? | Result/importance? |
| Henry Kelsey |  |  |
| Samuel Hearne |  |  |
| Alexander Mackenzie |  |  |
| Simon Fraser |  |  |
| David Thompson |  |  |

1. Complete the following chart based on the information in your text (pages 271-274). Be sure to carefully examine the map on p. 272.

1. Europeans were pushing westward from Newfoundland, New France, and the Great Lakes area. At the same time, European explorers were pushing easward from the West Coast of North America. Why did the explorers on the Pacific coast have to be very careful when dealing with the Coast Indians (Northwest Coast peoples)? P. 274-75
2. Which countries explored the coast? What explorers worked for each of them? Where did they explore? You could create a chart similar to #3 to outline the important explorations of the various countries on the west coast.